

MET DEATH SOON AFTER TRIP BEGAN

Exact Circumstances of Disaster to Aviators May Never Be Known.

Los Angeles, December 17.—Fragments of a hydroaeroplane and clothing which were washed ashore and identified proved to-day that Aviator Horace Kearny and his reporter-companion, Chester Lawrence, met disaster soon after they started last Saturday on their proposed flight over the ocean to San Francisco.

The exact circumstances surrounding their death probably always will remain unknown. They may have died within a few hours after they vanished Saturday afternoon in the mists off Point Firmin, or they may have clung to their fragile craft through a stormy night and the next day, but judging from the position of the wreckage which gave to-day the first definite clue to their fate, they died a short distance from shore, and in all probability their bodies now rest in the tangled morass of the Kelp beds near Redondo Beach.

The wreckage of the hydroaeroplane was found to-day at Fisherman's Cove, four miles south of Redondo Beach, by Paul Ranzhaf and two companions, who conducted an independent search. The searchers picked up a shirt and vest, Glenn Martin, who undertook Sunday the dangerous hydroaeroplane flight in search of Kearny, declared that the vest was part of the clothing Lawrence wore when he boarded the aeroplane with Kearny.

The shirt and vest were ripped and torn, indicating the haste and desperation with which their wearer had cast off his impediments for the battle with the sea. A pontoon found nearby was battered and dented, and the condition of a fragmentary wing tip also found gave evidence of having been battered by the waves.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

Ashland, Va., December 17.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Jordan Blake, of Richmond, and Mrs. W. J. Leake spent Sunday here with Miss Pattie Leake.

Miss Louise Miller, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Martha Hughes.

Miss Nancy White, who has been visiting Miss Frances Spalding, has returned to Norfolk.

Mesdames L. E. W. Meyberry and Edgar Hastings have issued invitations for a party in honor of Dr. Tilley's Sunday school class, to be given in the home of Mrs. Hastings on next Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hutchings, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hobson and Misses Hobson were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Budges.

Misses Mary Garth, of Charlottesville, and Carolina Midyette, of Ashland, both brides-elect, were guests of honor at a tea given on Tuesday afternoon by Miss Annie Macon Potts. The house was attractively decorated, the color scheme of pink being carried out in every detail. Miss Ethel Lawless, of Holland, Va., assisted Miss Potts, and Mrs. James Duncan Hunter poured chocolate. Misses Virginia Howison, Mildred and Anna Hart and Gertrude Hatcher served refreshments.

The guests included Mesdames W. L. Foy, W. C. Blanton, W. M. Jones, Misses Clarke Hoofnagle, Marie Mc-



The five members of the Administrative Board (sitting), and its clerks (standing). Standing—J. B. Puller, stenographer; W. W. Dunford, clerk; Charles E. Shepherd, bookkeeper. Sitting—E. C. Folkes, John Hirschberg, Robert Whittet, Jr. (president), Henry P. Beck, Carlton McCarthy.

Cullen, Greyson Hoofnagle, May Baldwin, Elise Cardwell, Julia Weisiger, Sara Cardwell, Carolyn Marsh, Emma Lee Priddy, Margaret Tucker, Katherine Marsh, Margaret Tilley, Ruth Blakey, Seabrooke Midyette, Anne Hunter, Marion Lasher, Estelle Blanton, Kitty Kent, Stuart Blanton, Caroline Vandiver, Mary Goodwin, Fannie Lancaster, Marguerite Wightman, Lee Woodwin, Ephe Blackwell, Condo Reddick, Ethel Howard, Martha Hughes, Louise Miller, Mamie Duncan, Imogene Kiddick and Anne Marye. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Potts and Miss Potts entertained the Carter-Midyette bridal party, and a few friends, which included Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Midyette, Mr. and Mrs.

W. M. Jones, Misses Seabrooke and Nancy Midyette, Clarke Hoofnagle, Ethel Lawless, Marie McCullen, Messrs. E. W. Bowen, Ralph and Webb Midyette, Dr. Carter, Henry G. Ellis. News has been received here from Baltimore announcing the death of Mrs. Mary Helen Scott Browne, widow of P. Arrele Browne, and a sister of the late Dr. Henry C. Scott. Mrs. Browne was in the seventy-ninth year of her age, and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William W. Hoblitzell and Mrs. Thomas Atkinson, and two sons, Horace B. Browne and T. Parkin Browne, and one brother, John W. Scott—all of Baltimore.

HEARING ON PROJECT FOR AN INSIDE ROUTE

Special Board Reports Favorably and Board of Engineers Adversely.

MATTER IS NOW UP TO BIXBY

Representatives of Cities From New York to Key West Argue for Improvement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., December 17.—Much interest centered in the hearing this morning before Chief Bixby, engineer of the War Department on the Atlantic Coast waterways. The special board made a survey and reported favorably upon the project. The Board of Engineers, commonly known as the Board of Review, took a contrary view of it and made an adverse report. It is now up to the chief to decide. He can either refer it back to the board for a rehearing or he can pass finally upon it.

The project is for an inside route from New York to Key West, Fla., via Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Beaufort, N. C., Wilmington, Georgetown, S. C., Charleston, Savannah, Darien, Ga., Brunswick and Fernandina. Savannah's delegation, headed by Representative Edwards, consisted of J. F. Gray, P. A. Stovall and A. B. Moore. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, headed that State's delegation, with him were Representatives Godwin, Small and Faison. A number of citizens from the coast of North Carolina were present. Senator Fletcher, of Florida, appeared in the interest of Florida. There were delegations from the various cities named.

The chief, assisted by Colonel Taylor, went deeply into the hearing and both were interested in what was presented. Congressman Small, of North Carolina, had the program and announced the speakers. In opening the subject Mr. Small made a strong appeal for this improvement, for which he has labored long and faithfully. Senator Simmons pointed out that this project is national in its importance and concern not the Atlantic seaboard alone, but the whole country. Congressman Godwin, of the Wilmington district, made a strong speech favoring this important work. Congressman Edwards pointed out the great benefits that would come to the country, and especially to Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York. He agreed with Senator Simmons that it was nation-wide in its scope and affected the commerce of the whole country. He stated that while the links of this proposed inland waterway next to Savannah were practically completed, that the government should not stop there; otherwise the purpose and usefulness of this waterway would be restricted and made local in its effects. Mr. Edwards's thorough knowledge of the waterways development of the country enabled him to quickly grasp and point out the salient points of advantage in the proposed work.

Congressman Faison, Senator Fletcher and Congressman Moore, of Pennsylvania, were heard in appeals which left no doubt as to their deep interest in this matter.

Mr. Gray, of Savannah, presented statistics showing the rapid growth of Savannah's commerce and spoke of the future development of the port. Colonel Stovall and Judge Moore were also heard with interest as to the advantages that should be de-

derived from this splendid project if it were pushed to completion. Citizens from various other cities and sections through which the proposed canal passes were heard. The hearing was a most interesting one, in which the pressing need of a safe inside route of sufficient depth to answer the needs of the commerce was plainly put before the engineers. It was evident that Chief Bixby was much impressed with the showing made. It is most likely that he will order a rehearing before the Board of Review.

P. H. McG.

Negro Killed in Crap Game.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Goldsboro, N. C., December 17.—This evening about 6 o'clock Joe Cooper, a negro, who worked at the Goldsboro Oil Mills, was shot and killed by two other negroes from Kingston in an old-time crap game in the Little Washington section of the city. The two negroes are now lodged in the city guardhouse awaiting trial.

MRS. REID ACCEPTS OFFER OF WARSHIP

Body of Dead Ambassador Will Be Borne to United States on British Vessel.

London, December 17.—Mrs. Whitelaw Reid has decided to accept the offer of a British warship to convey the body of her late husband to the United States. The arrangements will be completed between the British Foreign Office and the American State Department.

Hundreds of applications have been received from prominent persons for seats in Westminster Abbey for the memorial service in memory of the late ambassador, which is to take place Friday.

Hearty Tributes Paid.

London, December 17.—Hearty tributes were paid to the late United States Ambassador Whitelaw Reid at a large meeting to-day of the American Society. Many appreciative speeches were made and resolutions were adopted paying respect to his memory and expressing sympathy with his family.

The president of the gathering, Walter Blackman, said that no name would take a higher place than that of Whitelaw Reid in the long list of illustrious ambassadors sent from the United States to the court of St. James.

Consul-General John I. Griffith spoke eloquently of Whitelaw Reid as a powerful bond of union between the United States and Great Britain.

Several other speeches also were made by prominent Americans in London eulogizing the dead ambassador.

Resolution of Sympathy.

London, December 17.—A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and of appreciation of the late ambassador's character and public service was passed to-day by the American Luncheon Club, which is composed of representative business and professional men, and of which Mr. Reid was the only honorary member.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.

Edwin Rogers, of Louisa, Not Seen Since December 1.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Louisa, Va., December 17.—Edwin Rogers of this place has not been seen by his friends for more than two weeks, and his mysterious disappearance has been the subject of much speculation and distress.

Rogers, who was an employee of H. I. Dickinson, of the Hotel Louisa, and a member of his household for several years, was last seen at 11 o'clock Sunday night, December 1, in the stable of his employer.

Mr. Dickinson now has in his possession \$150 and a great amount of personal belongings, all the property of Rogers.

The missing man is rather small in stature, dark of complexion and delicate looking. He is about forty-five years old, and has a slight mustache. There is no known reason for his disappearance, and fears are felt that he may have been the victim of foul play.

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